

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Trujillo Seeking Ex-Aide to Ike

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Zhukov Snafu

The snafu over the proposed invitation to Marshal Zhukov to come to Washington is as mysterious as it is important.

President Eisenhower has long wanted to confer with his old wartime buddy. Three days after he indicated this at a news conference, however, the White House issued an official statement—while Ike was at Gettysburg—stating that there was no plan to invite Zhukov.

Here are the inside reasons for the snafu:

No. 1—John Foster Dulles

has long been suspicious of any talks between his chief in the White House and Marshal Zhukov. He's afraid Ike would be too gullible, would give more than he received.

On the other hand, Allen Dulles, younger, smarter brother of the Secretary of State, who runs the Central Intelligence Agency, feels that a visit would be important. Dulles and his CIA men have long kept an eye on Zhukov, consider him one of the most important powers in the Soviet Union. They think a meeting between the President and Zhukov could do no harm, might do a lot of good.

The Defense Department is also strong for such a military meeting. Gen. Nate Twining, new Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, went to Moscow a little over a year ago, would like to see the head of the Russian Air Force invited to the United States. But John Foster Dulles has blocked it.

No. 2—is opposition from France, England, and West Germany. Our western allies have been suspicious for some time that the United States might arrange a separate deal with Russia. This is one reason they have given Harold Stassen such a bad time in his disarmament talks.

For years the thing the British feared most in regard to the United States was a separate agreement between the United States and the U. S. S. R.

President Eisenhower has a lot of confidence in his own ability to work out relations with Russia through Marshal Zhukov on a personal basis. But John Foster Dulles does not. Dulles, in the end, overruled the President.